

## Message Text

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P R 160915Z MAY 77  
FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7786  
INFO AMCONSUL NAHA  
COMUSJAPAN YOKOTA  
OAC CAMP BUTLER OKINAWA  
CINCPAC HONOLULU

C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 7151

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MARR, JA  
SUBJECT: OKINAWA LAND LAW

REFS: (A) TOKYO 7087 DTG 130922Z MAY 77  
(B) NAHA 201 DTG 160645Z MAY 77

SUMMARY. OPPOSITION STILL STALLING ENACTMENT OF NEW  
OKINAWA LAND LAW WHICH GOJ NOW HOPES TO PASS SOMETIME  
THIS WEEK. US FORCES AND JAPANESE AUTHORITIES ARE  
WORKING CLOSELY TO COPE WITH SITUATION ON OKINAWA.  
END SUMMARY.

1. OPPOSITION PARTIES' STALLING TACTICS ARE CONTINUING  
TO BLOCK PASSAGE OF NEW OKINAWA LAND LAW TO REPLACE  
TEMPORARY LAW WHICH EXPIRED MIDNIGHT MAY 14. THEY  
MANAGED TO STRING OUT THEIR ALLOTTED QUESTIONS ON  
GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL IN UPPER HOUSE CABINET AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE UNTIL AFTERNOON OF MAY 16, AND HAVE NOW BEGUN  
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TO QUESTION GOJ ABOUT ITS "UNIFIED VIEW" ON IMPLICATIONS  
OF CURRENT LEGAL VACUUM. ACCORDING TO THIS VIEW,  
PRESENTED TO COMMITTEE MAY 15: (A) GOJ AUTHORITY TO  
TAKE LAND FOR USE BY US FORCES ON OKINAWA EXPIRED MAY 14  
AND GOJ IS OBLIGATED TO RETURN LAND INVOLVED TO  
OWNERS; (B) PENDING SUCH RETURN, GOJ HAS DUTY AND RIGHT  
TO ADMINISTER THESE LANDS; AND (C) GOJ WILL HAVE RIGHT

AGAIN TO TAKE LANDS INVOLVED FOR USE BY US FORCES WHEN  
NEW LEGISLATION ENACTED. DFAA AND FONOFF OFFICIALS DO  
NOT FORESEE COMMITTEE CLEARANCE AND FINAL VOTE IN UPPER  
HOUSE BEFORE MIDWEEK AT EARLIEST.

2. IN MEANTIME, US FORCES AND JAPANESE AUTHORITIES ON  
OKINAWA ARE COOPERATING CLOSELY TO DEAL WITH SITUATION.  
THERE HAVE BEEN NO SERIOUS INCIDENTS, ALTHOUGH TWO GROUPS  
OF RADICAL STUDENTS MANAGED TO ENTER KADENA AIR BASE  
DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS MAY 15. POLICE COOPERATED IN  
BLOCKING WELL PUBLICIZED ATTEMPT BY ANTI-WAR LAND OWNERS  
TO ENTER KADENA AIR BASE MAY 16. ATTEMPT FOLLOWED OWNERS'  
REJECTION OF CONDITIONS WORKED OUT FOR THEIR ENTRY BY US  
FORCES AND DFAB IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A. SIMILAR ATTEMPTS  
BY DISSIDENT LAND OWNERS TO DRAMATIZE SITUATION WILL NO  
DOUBT CONTINUE. REF B PROVIDES FURTHER BACKGROUND  
ON CURRENT OKINAWA SITUATION.  
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